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Ms. Linda K. Wertz
Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and CHIP
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
P.O. Box 13247
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am pleased to inform you that your amendment request for the Texas Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0281.90.01 has been approved effective September 1, 2001. This HCBSW program, as authorized under the provisions of section 1915 (c) of the Social Security Act, provides an array of home and community-based services as an alternative to institutionalization in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This amendment has been assigned control number 0281.90.01 which should be used in all future correspondence regarding the program.

Specifically, you submitted a request to provide Consumer Directed Services (CDS) for the following components of the waiver: residential habilitation services, intervenor services, and respite services.

For your convenience, a copy of the approved amendment is included with this correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations

